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ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER ADMIRAL GORSHKOV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are problems in acquiring Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to resolve these problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)to(c): Construction or repair and re-equipping of an aircraft carrier is a complex exercise. It not only involves construction/repair of the platform but also fitment of a large number of systems, assemblies, and subassemblies. In any project of such nature, coordination with a large number of agencies is involved.At times problems arise due to various reasons which are resolved through interactions between the agencies concerned.It is apprehended that some delay may take place in the project due to unforeseen problems.

For supervising the project for repair and re-equipping of the aircraft carrier Vikramaditya (earlier called Admiral Gorshkov),an apex level committee under Defence Secretary and a Steering Committee under a Vice Admiral have been set up.A team has also been stationed at the shipyard where the repair and re-equipping work is going on. From time to time, teams comprising senior officers are also sent to monitor progress of the project.At present, the Russian authorities are seized of the issue of timely delivery of the ship.